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RESOLUTION NO. 04

WHEREAS, HB 2292, signed into law on June 10, 2003, will result in 12 Health and Human Service agencies and functions being consolidated into five agencies;

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Health has requested public feedback on this proposed organizational restructuring;

WHEREAS, healthcare and human services amount to the second largest expenditure in the City of Austin budget;

WHEREAS, this reorganization will likely result in millions of dollars of state funding cuts for healthcare and human services;

WHEREAS, these funding cuts would target services that provide vital care to Austin's most vulnerable populations;

WHEREAS, the impact of the reorganization has the potential to cause the state to lose millions of dollars of federal funds

WHEREAS, the combined loss of state and federal funds would harm Austin's most vulnerable residents and place severe strain on Austin's budget;

WHEREAS, efforts are underway to privatize human services operations currently run by the state;

WHEREAS, these privatization efforts would result in the displacement or unemployment of many Austinites, the loss of health insurance and pension benefits, a lower quality and quantity of care, reduced public oversight and the potential for politicizing and corrupting public functions, **Now, Therefore,**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
AUSTIN:**

The City Council of the City of Austin respectfully requests that the Transition Legislative Oversight Committee (TLOC) do the following:

1. Place the highest priority on services that directly serve vulnerable populations; and

2. Consider the potential impact on federal funding and local government budgets when evaluating reorganization proposals.

ADOPTED: _____, **2004**

ATTEST: _____

Shirley A. Brown
City Clerk

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